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MIKE KING W5PY-SK

On Wednesday evening January 27, 2010, Mike King W5PY of Slidell, Louisiana became a Silent Key after a battle with cancer.

Many of you may have met Mike at one time or other and found him to be a wonderful person to know. I know very little of his personal life so I cannot say much in that area. I have met Mike numerous occasions and talked to him on the radio many times. He was always willing to help those in need and tried to answer all questions thrown to him. Mike was always a familiar face at most of the hamfest in the Delta Division. He was the Louisiana Assistant Section Manager and Louisiana Traffic Net Manager.

Mike was very quiet spoken, never to complain although we know he was in pain. During Hurricane Katrina, Mike lost his home and sailboat which was his pride and joy. He always considered it an honor to reside here in Slidell and was active in volunteer duties. He was a volunteer for the First Baptist Church of Slidell, Red Cross, Life Songs Christian Radio, Amateur Radio, and North Shore Regional Medical Center as Amateur Radio Operator where he was very active during Hurricane Katrina.

His personal organizational memberships included the American Radio and Relay League, Ozone Amateur Radio Club in Slidell, Scottish Rite 32 degree Mason



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President's Message

Greetings to all area Hams from AARA!

We have several things going on this month. Hamfest, General Class license course and officer elections among other things.

The AARA Rayne Hamfest is the biggest item and please see Herman's hamfest article in the LARC and visit w5ddl.org for information. Register early and register often! Please help Roland with whatever he needs. Don't wait for him to ask, go to him and volunteer. He'll put you to work!

I attended two of the general class license courses and I would like to personally thank some folks:

First, Nick K5QXJ who has been gracious to offer the teaching facilities at New Horizons on Ambassador Caffery.

Rick, N5RLM for helping out and being there to let us in and for giving me a tour of the facility. It is quite impressive!

And to Larry, KE5KJD for being the instructor for the last several sessions. He is doing a marvelous job. I'll try my hand in teaching the next session and we'll see how that goes! Good luck to the students as well. The class is well attended with over 10 at each session I've attended.

Upgrading your license has been made fairly easy in the last several years. The question and answer pools are published and the Morse code requirements are gone. Most of the questions are not theory related so if that is your weak point, you probably still pass the test! The HF portions of the radio spectrum are going to start getting really interesting as we approach the next solar max. This will make the time and effort to upgrade your license very rewarding.

Officer elections are upon us and we still don't have a firm commitment for president. Please consider this. This is not a tough job. You will receive generous support from every AARA member. The fellowship and the knowledge of fellow hams is a wonderful reward!

I received my new Elecraft K3 kit in a box just after the first of the year and put it together in two long sessions over the weekend. It took me about 20 hours of labor. It works great but like all new radios, it's taken me much longer to learn the capabilities and menus of a new radio than it did to assemble it! I ordered an antenna and maybe I'll be able to get on 80/75 meters.

Feb. AARA meeting is next Thursday so I hope to see you there or on the air.

-73

John, W4JHC

AARA MEETING - FEBRUARY 4TH, 2010

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St. Scott, LA.

7:00 PM

Club election night. Nominations taken from the floor. Voting for new officers. Officers installed at the March meeting (Thursday March 18th after the hamfest). VE Testing at 6:00 PM. Refreshments. Door Prizes. Hope to see you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER**REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday February 4th @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

AARA Hamfest, Rayne, LA
March 12th & 13th, 2010
<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

AARA OFFICERS 2009-2010

President - John Cunniff W4JHC

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Vice Pres. & Newsletter Editor -

Herman Campbell KN5GRK

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Treasurer - Joy Breaux N5YCS

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Sandy LeBlanc - KE5KJF

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YOUNG ADULTS LEARN BY DOING!

On Friday January 8th, 2010, students from the 1st Apostolic Church School in New Iberia made a field trip to the Children's Museum of Acadiana from 10:30 AM until 12:00 Noon to see what the CMA Ham Radio K5CMA station had to offer. There were 47 in the group ranging from the age of 8 to 16 years. Many of them managed to receive some "hands on" experience on the radio during this field trip.



Nick Pugh K5QXK was the control station during this event from the museum end and Jim Bookter N5NVP and Irma Bookter KE5UPK did most of the QSO from the other side and reported that they had a very enjoyable morning talking to these young folks by explaining what ham radio is all about. Hopefully this will attract some of them into this great fun hobby and being a asset to their community in case of emergencies.

Some of the group had already obtained their radio licenses a year or so ago. Kristen Orson KE5SUH of Jeanerette, LA received her license February 12, 2008. Catherine Roy KE5RPH also of Jeanerette, LA received her license on November 7, 2007.

Some of the other operators helping with this event while driving around town (mobile) were: Monte KE5TEY, Terry N5QWA, and Herman KN5GRK.

AARA Monday Night Net Winner

During the year 2009, a contest was held for the person checking in on the AARA Monday Night Net on the 146.82 repeater in Lafayette the most times during the year. The winner would receive a 2010 ARRL Radio Amateur Handbook.



Herman KN5GRK (l.) Net Manager presents Ed KC5MMG his Certificate and Handbook.

The winner turned out to be Ed Conti KC5MMG. Ed received the Handbook and a First Place Certificate for checking in 52 out of a possible 52. Congratulations to Ed for his consistence.

Second Place Certificates went to John Cunniff W4JHC and Ken Vallot KD5YWY for checking in 47 times out of a possible 52.

Third Place Certificate went to Calvin Begnaud KD5JCT for checking in 41 times out of a possible 52.

Net Control & Manager for the AARA Monday Night Net for the year was Herman Campbell KN5GRK who called the net 52 times during the year but his reward was the fun of calling the net.

A few stats on the net: Net called 52 times, 89 different calls reported over the year, total net time was 28.3 hours, and average net time 32.6 minutes.

Grant Linscomb KF5CMU has agreed to take over the net for the year 2010. His reward will be a \$50.00 gift certificate from the ARRL Book Store if he completes the year.

Herman KN5GRK - LARC Editor

JANUARY 2009 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

BOARD MEETING:

John W4JHC stated that the 2010 budget will be made at the first Board Meeting after the Ham Fest in March, and that it would be approved by the new club officers.

The nominating committee of John W4JHC, Kathy KD5TJZ, and Nick KE5MWX, along with the officers, nominated Archie W5AG for Vice President, Paul K5VSH for Secretary, and Joy N5YCS for Treasurer. There was no nomination for President.

A discussion was held about the possibility of getting a place of our own to have our meetings, in lieu of using the facilities of the Red Cross.

The Board voted to buy 10 dual-band Chinese made handhelds at \$50.00 each from Fred W5MLE. We voted to buy 10 and sell them to members for \$50.00 each or \$25.00 each, to new hams, if they joined the AARA.

CLUB MEETING:

The meeting was opened by the president John W4JHC.

The opening prayer was by the vice-president Herman KN5GRK.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

There were 27 members in attendance.

Treasurers Report:

Any member wanting a copy of the treasurer's report will need to contact the Club Treasurer Joy Breaux N5YCS.

Minutes: The December Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the January 2010 LARC newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Calvin KD5JCT stated that the large generator had been repaired and just needs a new battery an oil change. He also stated that the small generator needed points, condenser and plug and that it will be repaired.

Nick K5QXJ stated that there was no additional news on the 146.82 MHz repeater status. He also gave a update and changes on the new ham classes at the Children's Museum of Acadiana and the General Class license dates and times as posted elsewhere in this newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim N5NVP stated that the Louisiana Memorial Scholarship was now at \$750.00. Also, Jim presented the club president John with a framed certificate from the ARRL acknowledging the AARA as a "Special Services Club". There are only 10 of these clubs in the State.

John W4JHC acknowledged Irma KE5UPK for being the Louisiana Legislative Action Assistant for District 7.

Herman KN5GRT stated that Grant KF5CNU has taken over the 2M AARA Monday night net as net control.

Paul K5VSH stated that the 2009 average club attendance was 31 members.

Nick K5QXJ stated that General Class school will be held every Tuesday night at 6:00 P.M. in the New Horizons Bldg. Furthermore, General school will also be held every Tuesday, starting 1/12/10 and Tech. School will be held every Thursday, starting 1/14/10 at the Children's Museum. Archie W5AG, Larry KE5KJD, Nick K5QXJ, Rick N5RLM and John W4JHC volunteered to be instructors.

Herman KN5GRK gave a certificate and 2010 ARRL Radio Handbook to Ed KC5MMG for the most check-ins (52 out of 52) on the AARA Monday Night Net 2 meter net on the 146.820 repeater in Lafayette. 2nd place tie and certificate went to John W5JHC & Ken KD5YWB (47 out of 52). 3rd place and certificate went to Calvin KD5JCT (41 out of 52) check-ins.

The Club voted Yea on the Board's vote to buy the 10 Chinese dual band handhelds.

Roland NA5Q stated that the AARA Ham Fest will be on March 12th & 13th in Rayne, LA. Tickets are being printed and personnel are being assembled. He also stated that the coming Ham Fest will be the clubs 50th Anniversary Hamfest. The website has been updated.

There was much discussion by club members as to a nomination for a new club president. No solution was made and no person has been nominated.

DOOR PRIZES:

The Club VP, Herman KN5GRK, gave out the following door prizes:

1. Louis KE5GLB-----an umbrella
2. Mitchell KB5TWL----an umbrella
3. Calvin KD5JCT-----a clean-up kit
4. Joy N5YCS-----a mixer
5. Paula KF5CNS-----a cleaning kit and hand lotion

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul D. Scallan, K5VSH
Secretary, AARA

Mike King W5PY-SK

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at Fresno, CA, and Master Mason at Ballinger Lodge #643. He was also an Eagle Scout. Captain King's military decorations included the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal, as well as several Unit Citation and Campaign Medals for service in Viet Nam, Grenada, and Southwest Asia.

I know for a fact that the New Orleans Hornet Basketball team will miss a faithful follower.

Mike will be missed in the amateur radio community, please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Herman KN5GRK

January 2010 VE Test Results

At the January 7th AARA General meeting, the following persons tested and received their new license or upgraded to the following:

Mark D. Saltzman of Scott, Louisiana passed Technician License and received the KF5ENE.

Alfred L. Trautman K5MZG of Lydia, LA upgraded to Extra.

Garrett C. Monti KE5FLP of Luling, LA upgraded to Extra.

Grant E. Linscomb KF5CNU of Lafayette, LA upgraded to General.

Louis J. Arton KE5GLB of New Iberia, LA upgraded to General.

The VE's were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Rick Breaux N5RLM
Archie Hill W5AG
Greg Dolan K5LFT
Mitchell P Romero KB5TWL
Roland Guidry NA5Q



The 50th Acadiana Hamfest 2010

March 12 & 13, 2010

2010 ARRL Louisiana State Convention

Coming soon - Mark your calendars!



The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association will sponsor its 50th Acadiana Hamfest 2010, at the Rayne Civic Center on March 12th & 13th, 2010. A Crawfish Boil and Fais-Do-Do will be held on Friday, March 12th, due to the tremendous success of this event in previous years. Get your order in by February 20th. Gumbo will be served for those folks not wanting crawfish. Roland Guidry NA5Q is again our Hamfest Chairperson & Webmaster. The webpage has been updated. A flyer with a pre-registration form and schedule can be downloaded to be printed out & mailed in to save time and guarantee swap tables and RV availability. You can check out our website for more info and updates at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

Come out and have a "eyeball contact" with those you meet on the radio. It is your attendance that makes a hamfest a success. We appreciate your support over the 50 years it has been in existence.

Schedule

Friday, March 12

- 0900 Dealer & Flea Market setup
- 1700 – 2000 Hamfest Opens to General Public
- 1800 Crawfish Boil

1900 Fais-Do-Do – Roland K5EUO, Mike KE5AWZ and others will provide French music via Jam session – Bring your instrument – Enjoy Dancing

Saturday, March 13 (Forums)

- 0900-1000 AMSAT
- 1000-1100 Louisiana Contest Club
- 1100-1230 ARRL with special HQ quest Norm Fusarom Club Coordinator, Micky Cox, Delta Division Director and Gary Stratton, Louisiana Section Manager
- 1230-1300 Louisiana LCARC immediately following ARRL Forum

Saturday, March 13

- 0700 Dealer & Flea Market setup
- 0800 Hamfest re-opens to General Public
- 0830 Bingo
- 0830 DXCC, WAS and VUCC Card checking
- 0845 ARRL VE Testing – Bring copies of ID & CSCE / FCC License
- 1100 Fox Hunt if enough participants
- 1300 Grand prize drawings
- 1400 Hamfest closes

Prizes

- Grand Prize:** ICOM 718 – HF Transceiver (Need not be present)
- Second Prize:** ICOM 208H – 2 Meter Mobile (Need not be present)
- Third Prize:** ICOM V8000 – 2 Meter Mobile (Need not be present)
- Fourth Prize:** ICOM V8 Sport – 2 Meter HT (Need not be present)

Refreshments
Rayne High School Scholarship Fund Group
Friday-Gumbo
Saturday-Coffee, biscuits, sweet rolls,
gumbo, soft drinks, sandwiches, etc.

February 2010 Special Events & Contests

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| Feb. 6 & 7 | NI8G-Celebrating Thomas Edison's Birthday. Milan, OH |
| Feb. 13 | NI6IW-USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Operations Room-Women Marines Birthday & Presidents Day. |
| Feb. 13 & 14 | Louisiana QSO Party. |
| Feb. 14 | North American Sprint-Phone Only |
| Feb. 19-22 | W7G-Celebrating George Washington's Birthday. |
| Feb. 20 | WØFSB-65 th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima and the Flag Raisings. |
| Feb. 27 & 28 | North American QSO Party-Digital only. |

You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the February 2010 issue of QST on pages 91 and 96.



2010 BIRTHDAYS

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|------|-------|--------|
| 2/14 | TIM | N5RKK |
| 2/16 | GLENN | KD5NVC |
| 2/17 | MITCH | KB5TWL |
| 2/24 | DANNY | KD5JSM |
| 3/3 | ED | KC5MMG |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

NEW AARA MEMBERS

The AARA would like to welcome the following new club members.

| NAME: | CALL: |
|---------------|--------|
| Al Trautman | K5MZG |
| Robert Gordon | KE5WZK |
| Mark Saltzman | KF5ENE |
| Louis Arton | KE5GLB |

LOUISIANA QSO PARTY

1500Z Feb. 13 - 0300Z Feb. 14, 2010

Sponsored by:

THIBODAUX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The purpose of the of Louisiana QSO Party is to promote activity from Louisiana amateur radio stations and hopefully give amateurs worldwide a contact from Louisiana

Regardless if you are a serious or casual participant ... from Louisiana, or from outside of Louisiana ... the Louisiana QSO Party was designed to be a FUN operating event. Why not give it a try?

Website:

http://www.qsl.net/kd5wdy/LAQSO/_laqso_.html

January 2009 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET | SESSIONS: | TOTAL CHECK-INS: | TOTAL TRAFFIC: | TOTAL TIME: Minutes | Net Manager |
|---|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club | 5 | 51 | 1 | 107 | N5LRZ Ray |
| AARA Monday Night Net | 4 | 68 | 0 | 116 | KF5CNU Grant |
| Acadiana ARES Net | 4 | 15 | 1 | 31 | N5LRZ Ray |
| Vermillion Parish ARES Net | 4 | 23 | 0 | 47 | KE5JXC Arnold |
| HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest) | 1 | * M 4/ G 6 | 0 | 14 | KE5JKD Larry |

Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine. - Anonymous

**Orange Hamfest 2010**

Sponsored by:

Orange Amateur Radio Club

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Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2010

Where: VFW Hall, Hwy 87, 1 mile North of I-10, Orange, Texas.

Time: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Admission: \$2.00 (NEW)

Grand Prizes

1st – Kenwood TS480SAT

2nd – Kenwood TM271A

Tickets for Grand Prizes and door prizes are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00, etc. Must be present for door prizes, grand prize winners need not be present.

VE Testing: 10:00 AM

Tables: \$15.00 each for Flea Market/Dealers/Venders.

Food: The VFW Ladies will have coffee, soft drinks, and food available on site.

More info can be found on website.

<http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/>

Columbia Shuttle Disaster Special Event Station

The Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club will again hold a special event station in remembrance of the shuttle disaster on Feb. 1, 2003. The event will occur on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010. Ham operators from other areas are welcome to attend the event. If you cannot come to Nacogdoches, we would like to hear from you on 20 or 40 meters. Operation will begin at 0800 CST (1400 UTC) and end at 1500 CST (2100UTC). We plan to operate on 7200 and 14270, plus or minus QRM using the call **W5NAC**.

I know most of our members remember Stu Rohner WD5FDD now a silent key. His Son, Ed Rohner WB5SLJ was manager at the Nacogdoches Airport during the time the shuttle fell from the sky with part of the debris falling on or near the airport. The hangers were used for storage during this time. The Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club loaned Ed a 2 meter station for communications during this time. Ed had borrowed his Dad's "J-Pole" antenna which was made by John Martin KA5BSE/W5SE who is now a SK. Ed sent me a couple of photos of this setup which I have included in the following column.



You can see John's famous "J-Pole" sitting in the corner. I think John must have made about a hundred and everyone in the Acadiana area have owned one at

one time or other.

Herman KN5GRK

Dues Time

It's that time of the year when you should think of renewing your AARA club membership for the 2010-2011 year. You can go to our club webpage at: <http://www.w5ddl.org> and click on "Membership Application" to download a Adobe Acrobat .pdf form.

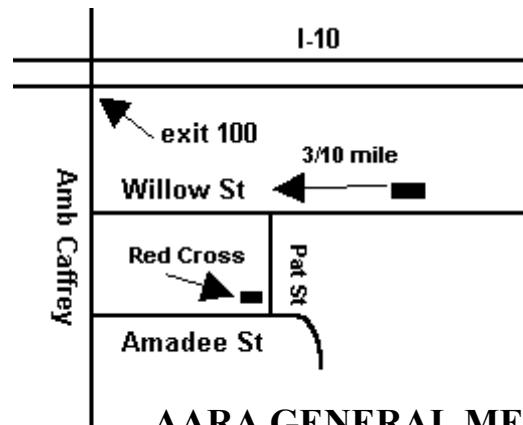
Fill it all out and mail it in with your dues.

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday February 4th, 2010 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLEMENTARY
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Love Fudge Recipe (Valentine Day Treat)

(From: <http://www.valentinerecipes.net/love-fudge.html>)

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| 1 package (12 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips. | 3 cups of sugar |
| 1 (5 oz.) can evaporated milk. | 1 cup of chopped pecans. |
| 1 jar of marshmallow crème | 3/4 cup of margarine. |
| 4 capsules of ginseng. | 1 teaspoon vanilla. |

Lightly grease a 13-inch by 9-inch baking dish.

In a suitably sized starsol saucepan, mix together the margarine, sugar and milk.

Bring to a boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly.

Turn the heat off and stir in the semi-sweet chocolate chips.

Add the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly.

Pour into a baking dish and allow it to set at room temperature.



Send your favorite recipes to:
Herman KN5GRK
kn5grk@lusfiber.net



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245